



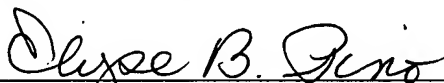
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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Sir:

A determination has been made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27 that this application is entitled to be accorded small entity status based on the definitions set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.27(a). It is hereby asserted that this application is entitled to small entity status.

Respectfully submitted,
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